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FROTHINGHAM ON EDITORS AND REPORTERS.

REV. O. B. FROTHINGHAM and Rev. Henry Ward Beecher are two clergymen who have made themselves disagreeably prominent in the Richardson-McFarland affair as sympathizers with, and apologists for, the unfaithful wife and her lover. Mr. Beecher has backed down squarely from his position and has made a bungling statement, half apologetic and half explanatory, in which he attributes the disagreeable position into which he got himself mainly to the fact that he was not in the habit of reading the newspapers. Mr. Beecher, like many a better man before him, found that he was not strong enough to brave public opinion, and he has consequently chosen the judicious plan of eating humble pie. Mr. Frothingham, on the contrary, appears determined to brave it out, and on Sunday last he preached a sermon on "The Foes of Society," among which he classed the editors and reporters as leaders. Mr. Frothingham has no very good reason to feel much kindness towards the press at this particular juncture, and smarting as he is under the criticisms his conduct has subjected him to, he is scarcely in a position to judge impartially of the merits and demerits of the editorial fraternity. He gives it as his opinion that the editor must create a sensation to keep his paper alive; that he has his spies in his employ, who possess themselves of the most sacred secrets and make them public; that reporters and interviewers waylay private gentlemen and report their private conversations; that they invade parlors, and are eavesdroppers and listeners at keyholes; that an editor would attack a minister and blasphemously the reputation of a woman for the purpose of selling his paper, etc. All of which Mr. Frothingham knows to be substantially untrue in every particular. The newspaper press of the country is not faultless, and it has a sufficient number of sins to answer for, but that it does substantially fulfill what Mr. Frothingham declares to be its true mission, "to vindicate truth, assist justice, and protect virtue," every intelligent reader well knows. The disgusting affair in which this clergyman figured so prominently was a perfectly legitimate object for newspaper criticism, and the newspapers would not have done their duty if they had not condemned the actors in it. Mr. Frothingham and Mr. Beecher appeared at the bedside of Richardson as the apologists for adultery, and they gave all the sanction of their names and offices as ministers of the Gospel to the unholy and illegal marriage. They were condemned on every side, and justly; and Mr. Frothingham would benefit his own case much more by following the example of Mr. Beecher and confessing his error, than by indulging in foolish tirades against the editors and reporters who have censured his conduct.

MORIARTY AS A SUPERVISOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

From time immemorial men have been proverbially careless in signing petitions. If they are headed by a few important names, it is never difficult to obtain a score of additional signatures, even if the request is of the most absurd or improper character. But since the days when a practical joker satirized this careless habit by obtaining the signatures of a long list of favored courtiers to a petition praying for the execution of their king, there has been no more ridiculous illustration of it than a document recently exhibited at Washington which sets forth that J. M. Moriarty, Esq., has rendered great services to the Republican party in this bailiwick; that he should have "the office of Supervisor of Internal Revenue, or some office of equal importance" in the gift of the President; that he "has capacity and integrity," and that "his appointment would give universal satisfaction." It is a matter of sufficient surprise that any rational men could be induced to endorse these pretensions, but by means which would be perfectly inexplicable if we were not aware of the extraordinary readiness to sign documents of any description, Moriarty has secured the signatures of the leading members of the Union League of Philadelphia, as well as the two United States Senators and nearly all the Republican Congressmen of Pennsylvania.

By hook or crook he has procured the very best names that could be desired to strengthen such a document, and they have united in ascribing to him the highest of political and personal virtues. If petitions really mean anything, Moriarty should be made Supervisor of Internal Revenue or something else of equal "importance" forthwith, and yet we doubt whether any one of the signers to his petition who would carefully inquire into his character and antecedents, would feel justified in recommending him for any office of real importance. As a politician Moriarty's great specialty is the conversion of the Irish Democracy. If he had met with any considerable degree of success in this line of operations, he might properly be credited with "great services to the Republican party," but if its fate in any precinct, ward, city, State, or the nation, is to depend upon the new converts that Moriarty has, may, or ever can bring to its standard, it may as well surrender at once to the Democracy. His proposed task was difficult enough in itself, but as he complicated it by quarrelling with energetic laborers in the same field, on the one hand, and by rendering himself obnoxious to the people he proposed to convert, on the other we can scarcely wonder that the practical results of his missionary zeal in this city consisted in making his meetings so odious that they were

broken up by riotous interference. His best partisan claim is that he thereby gained a crown of martyrdom; but even if this be conceded, his "great services" will be searched for in vain, and his power to exert a discernible influence upon intelligent voters of any nationality is as questionable as his general capacity or his popularity in a community which, instead of regarding his appointment with "universal satisfaction," would deem it a serious and unmistakable blunder. If Commissioner Delano and Secretary Boutwell wish to disgust the people of this State and bring the whole Internal Revenue service into universal disrepute and well-merited disgrace, they cannot go about the business in a better way than by giving this mountebank Moriarty the position which he seeks. We trust that if the administration is cajoled into appointing him to any office, however insignificant, he will be promptly rejected by the Senate.

MUTUAL ADMIRATION.

THE HON. GEORGE W. WOODWARD, formerly Chief Justice of this State, and now a Representative in Congress from an interior district, is quite as modest in his assumptions as he is liberal in his views. During the recent Southern tour made by him, in company with other prominent Pennsylvanians, he made a little speech, in the course of which he assumed the credit of having said that if the people of Pennsylvania would vote in favor of negro suffrage he would not raise further objections; and the people of Pennsylvania having substantially so voted at the recent election, he was willing that the negro should vote, and would say nothing more against the ratification of the suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution, despite the fact that he did not believe the people of Pennsylvania had voted intelligently on the subject. Although this sort of doctrine sounds strangely when falling from Democratic lips, and gives us a glimpse of a possible political millennium, it suits us very well, and we commend it to the attention of Judge Woodward's constituents, to whom, we fancy, it will not prove quite as palatable. But liberal as is our Democratic friend, his modesty is of quite as pronounced a type. In the same speech he declared, with affecting ingenueness:—"The colored people of my town respect no one more than they do me!" In view of the fact that the ex-Chief Justice has such a high regard for his colored neighbors as not to desire to obstruct their right to the ballot when a majority of the people have declared that they shall exercise this right without obstruction, it is not a matter of surprise to find the kindly feeling fully reciprocated. As soon as the complete ratification of the fifteenth amendment enfranchises the colored people of this State, we shall expect to witness the edifying spectacle of Judge Woodward soliciting the votes of the colored people of his town, on the score of a mutual sentiment of respect. The white Democracy of the Twelfth district may not be edified by the spectacle; but if the respect of the colored voters is sufficiently wide spread to counterbalance their disgust, it will be all the same to Woodward.

THE FRANKING ABUSE.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL CHESWELL'S assertion that the franking privilege costs the Government five millions of dollars annually, it seems, has aroused the indignation of certain Senators and Representatives in Congress, and our Washington correspondent informs us that a statement is being prepared to show that it puts the Government to a yearly expense of only one million of dollars. The difference between five millions and one is quite material, even in this country; but it will strike the ordinary citizen who is required to pay the postage upon letters and all other contrivances which he sends by mail that even this solitary million is worthy the attention of Congress. It is true that the exercise of the franking privilege is not restricted to the members of Congress, but it is equally true that they fairly monopolize it, and that this million of dollars would be practically saved to the country by requiring them to pay their own postage. The Postmaster-General is unquestionably the best authority on the cost of the franking abuse; but even taking it at the lowest estimate, as made by officials who are interested in its perpetuation, it gives an average of over three thousand dollars to each Senator and member of the lower house. If an annual allowance of one thousand dollars were made to each Congressman for postage, hundreds of thousands of dollars would be saved every year by the Government, and there is but little doubt that even the members themselves would contribute to put aside the larger portion of the allowance. A reform scarcely less imperative in the item of Government printing would also be rendered feasible, and altogether the yearly amount saved to the Government would be counted by millions.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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